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2nd District MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR



County Clerk Mark Ryan administers the Oath of Office to newly-elected County Supervisor of the 2nd District, Toni Clark.



Dear Neighbors:

As your newly-elected county supervisor, I had to quickly learn the business of county government.

Upon my election, one of the County Board's first priorities was to reduce its size from 25 to 19. This change, which was passed by the County Board and signed by County Executive Scott Walker, will make our district much larger. If you have any questions on our district after you review the map in this newsletter, give me a call and I will be glad to help you.

In early November the County Board met to discuss the County Executive's 2004 budget. After more than 18 hours of deliberation, I'm happy to report that the Board was able to hold the line on property taxes, while restoring vital mental health services and restructuring the Parks Department. We were also able to keep public safety a top priority and retain some late night bus service.

Although I have been in office for just three months, I have found that county government is about resources and the distribution of funds and services. Therefore, I have worked hard with my colleagues to ensure that the residents of the 2nd District have received a fair share of both. In this newsletter you will find information about several interesting developments in the 2nd District. They include the grand opening of the "tops" fields at beautiful Dineen Park, the expansion of the Midtown Center and the finishing of the Lincoln Creek Project.

It has been great talking with many of you through neighborhood meetings, letters, e-mail, by phone or at your door. I sincerely hope that you have found your experience with me or my legislative assistant, LaTausha McDowell, pleasant and professional. We are here to serve you!

Your ongoing support has given me the opportunity to improve the quality of life for the people and families of the 2nd District. With your help, I will continue to work diligently to restore ethics and accountability to county government.



Best wishes,

Toni M. Clark

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Da'shaneil Davis
a.k.a. The Incredible Hulk
at Parklawn YMCA
Halloween Party

Parklawn Branch YMCA

If you are looking for recreational activities for your family to do this winter, check out the Parklawn Branch of the YMCA located at 4340 North 46th Street inside the Parklawn Housing Development.

Registration for the Youth Sports Programs will take place from November 15th through the 22nd. If you need more information, please contact Greg Griffin at 873 - 9622. Get out and see what the "Y" has to offer!

Midtown Center

The Midtown Center is expanding and bringing more family-supporting jobs and businesses into our community. Midtown is also attracting young minority entrepreneurs like Devon Reid, Scott Gray and Corey Coleman who collectively own and operate Cousins Subs at Midtown. These young businessmen have strong commu-

nity ties and a serious commitment to service.

The former site of Osco Drugs (5818 West Capital Drive) is home to the Midtown Health Center. This center provides affordable health-care to our community. Also, we now have a Milwaukee Police Department substation located at 4115 North 56th Street and a Starbucks coffee shop. A new Culver's restaurant and A. J. Wright's clothing store will also be opening soon.

Please visit the stores at the new Midtown Center located at the site of the old Capital Court Shopping Mall. Frequenting these businesses will be good for the community.



New tops fields come to Dineen Park



One of the new tops fields at Dineen Park



Students from the 65th Street School attend the dedication ceremony for the new "tops" fields at Dineen Park.

Tub lub (pronounced too loo), also known as tops, is a popular game with the Hmong community. Tub lub is played with a wooden top that is thrown onto a special playing field.

There were only four fields used for tub lub and one was located in Nash Park. However, since the Hmong community has grown and the sport is so popular, the small field wasn't large enough to accommodate everyone who wanted to play or watch.

An ideal location for the new tops field was Dineen Park. Moving the tops field to the Park took over a year and a lot of coordination among government and community associations.

Today there are two fields open for play at Dineen Park, along with plenty of parking and facilities to accommodate the players and their families.

Lo Neng Kiatoukaysy, Executive Director of the Hmong/American Friends Association, was happy to be a part of a team that helped to get the fields moved to a better location. The grand opening of the tops fields was held on October 23, 2003.

2004 County Budget

County Board restores vital services while freezing the tax levy

Beginning on November 3, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors deliberated for more than 18 hours before approving the 2004 Milwaukee County Budget. Despite some huge fiscal challenges, the County Board was able to restore many vital services cut in the County Executive's 2004 Recommended Budget. Although the County Board restored many key services and programs, the overall tax levy *decreased* from the 2003 Adopted amount – effectively a tax levy freeze.

The County Board reviewed the County Executive's Recommended Budget and made many changes, including several adjustments to the proposed merger of the Parks and Public Works departments. In addition to elevating the status of the Parks Division in the newly merged department, the County Board provided an additional \$600,000 to help fund Park operations and maintenance in 2004. The Par 3 golf courses at Lake and Doyne Parks were reopened for 2004, as well as maintaining swimming hours at Pulaski and Noyes indoor pools during the summer months.

The County Board reduced the proposed funding cuts for the War Memorial Center, Villa Terrace/Charles Allis Museums, Milwaukee County Historical Society and the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Funding for UW-Extension programs was restored, and a non-tax levy source of funding was found to keep the Farm and Fish Hatchery Program at the House of Correction in operation. This program provides fresh produce to local food pantries and stocks fish in County Park lagoons.

The County Board also was able to restore funding for the Emergency Homeless Shelter Program and the Interim Disability Assistance Program to provide temporary assistance for disabled individuals. The County Board also restored funding for mental health services for individuals in need. Fare increases for disabled Paratransit riders were cut in half and some late night transit service was restored.

The 2004 Budget contains total expenditures of \$1.13 billion and a property tax levy of \$219.4 million--a \$57,765 *decrease* from the 2003 Adopted Budget. The property tax rate, \$4.76 per \$1,000 of equalized value, is a *decrease* of 31 cents per \$1,000 from 2003.



MMSD: No-increase budget for 2004

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) Commission gave final approval for an overall 2004 budget that will cost taxpayers the same amount of money next year as it did in 2003.

"This is essentially a tax freeze, which benefits our customer's wallets and water quality," said Dennis Grzezinski, MMSD commission chairman. "The overall budget is economically responsible and still funds the legally required sewer improvement projects in our overflow reduction plan."

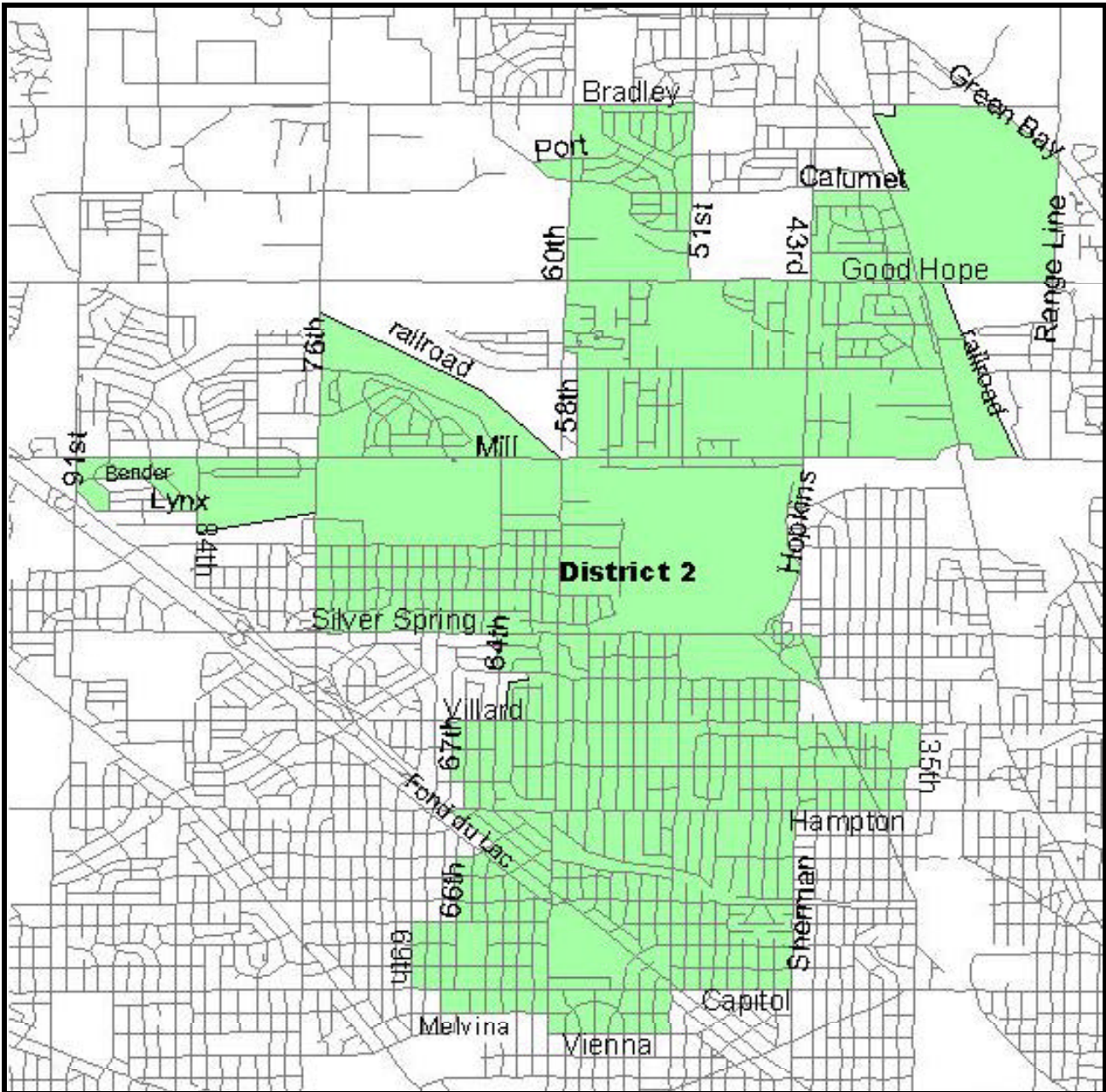
Commissioners approved a \$58,155,000 operations and maintenance budget, 1.3% higher than the 2003 operations and maintenance budget, or \$556,000. MMSD's operations and maintenance budget is funded through user charges that are typically included as part of quarterly municipal water bills. The District also collects property taxes to fund its capital budget. Commissioners approved a reduced 2004 capital budget of \$266,000,000 in September of this year that offset the \$556,000 increase in the operations and maintenance budget.

In 2004, most customers will receive MMSD services, both wastewater treatment and flood management, for less than one dollar a day. A breakdown comparing rates for 2003 and 2004 is included below. The charges are calculated for a typical \$150,000 home in the District.

	2003	2004	Difference
Capital budget charge	\$255.00	\$238.50	\$16.50
User charge	77.61	78.49	0.88
Totals	\$332.61	\$316.99	- \$15.62

Despite skyrocketing health-care costs, MMSD's 2004 anticipated user charge billings are \$3.3 million higher than they were in 1986. That's only about an eight percent increase in 18 years. The 2004 capital budget includes continued funding for an expansion of the Deep Tunnel. A 7.1 mile long Northwest Side Relief Sewer is currently under construction and will add another 88 million gallons of wastewater storage. The Deep Tunnel holds a capacity of 405 million gallons.

Treatment plant improvements and significant upgrades to MMSD's sewer system are also included in the 2004 capital budget. Funding is included for a flood management project in Wauwatosa's Hart Park. The budget also includes money for the District's long range planning effort called the Water Quality Initiative (WQI). Using a watershed approach, the WQI will identify and examine all sources of water pollution within a watershed to determine where it makes the most sense to spend limited tax dollars on protecting and improving our rivers and lakes.



Downsizing the County Board

The new Second District

In September 2003, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted to reduce its size from 25 districts to 19. This change necessitated re-drawing district boundaries, increasing the number of constituents in each district from approximately 38,000 to 52,000.

To help you locate your new supervisory district, please refer to the map to the right. If you need further assistance, or you have questions about the redistricting process, please feel free to call my office at 278-4278.

You have a voice in government

Know the candidates and make your vote count

The year 2004 will be an active time for elections. Make sure that your voice is heard by voting. If you need any more information on the upcoming elections, please call the number for your municipality, or you can get more information by visiting one of the web sites listed below.

Milwaukee County Election Commission 278-4060

State Website
www.elections.state.wi.us
Action Wisconsin
www.actionwisconsin.org/TakeAction/
The Wheeler Report
www.thewheelerreport.com/lxn04/

2004 Election Dates to Remember

Presidential Preference Primary	February 17th
Primary Election	February 17th
Spring Election	April 6th
	County Board of Supervisors - County Executive
	Court of Appeals - Circuit Court Judges
City of Milwaukee	Mayor - Alderman
Presidential Election	November 2nd
Fall Primary	September 14th
Fall Election	November 2nd
	U.S. Senator - U.S. House of Representatives
	State Senator - State Representative - District Attorney
Milwaukee County Constitutional offices	
	County Clerk - Clerk of Court - Register of Deeds
	Treasurer

Residents are Seeing Green

I have received several calls to my office regarding a fluorescent green liquid that has appeared in the Lincoln Creek. Upon investigation, I found the source of this coloration. The City of Milwaukee is conducting waterways testing. They are checking the flow of sewage and the connection of the different waterways. Residents should not be alarmed by the green dye. It is a dye that is very similar to food coloring, and it is not harmful! If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this testing, please feel free to call my office or Patrick Obenauf at the Department of Public Works for the City of Milwaukee at 286 - 0516.



Lincoln Creek Project Update

Many Residents of the 2nd District are getting flood relief thanks to the completion of the Lincoln Creek project. I spoke with Scott Anderson, Lincoln Creek Project Manager from the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewage District (MMSD), regarding the time line of the clean up project and the appearance of the vegetation along the creek. Mr. Anderson said the Lincoln Parkway between 48th and 60th Streets has been repaved, but there is still a small amount of landscaping that will be completed by next spring. Although the risk of flooding is reduced, residents should keep flood insurance. He assured me that MMSD will provide regular updates on the project's progress.

If you have the opportunity, visit the Lincoln Park enhancement project monument, located on the north end of the cul-de-sac on 50th Street on the south side of the creek. The monument is in the middle of an Indian council circle with lannon stone benches surrounding it. It is an area worth visiting.



IMPORTANT MILWAUKEE COUNTY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Art Museum

General information 224-3220

CLARK, Toni Supervisor 278-4278

LaTausha McDowell 278-5071

Courts

Small Claims 278-4140

Civil Division 278-4120

Criminal Division 278-4538

District Attorney’s Office

E. Michael McCann 278-4653

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4700

Burn Center (24 hours) 272-2876

Mental Health Crisis TTY-TDD

Hotline 257-6300

Emergency Management 278-4709

Poison Center 266-2222

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Handicapped & Disabled

General information 278-3932

Historical Society

General information 273-8288

House of Correction

General information 427-4700

Visiting information 427-4720

Housing & Community Development

Rent Assistance 278-4894

Jury Services

General information 278-4468

Emergency Calls 278-4080

Reserve Juror Message 454-9200

Marriage Licenses 278-4070

Medical Examiner

General information 223-1200

Mental Health Complex

General information 257-6995

Admitting 257-7260

TTY-TDD Hotline 257-6300

Mitchell Park Domes

General information 649-9800

Museum

General information 278-2702

IMAX Theater 319-4629

Parks

General information 257-6100

Golf Reservations 475-6222

Web Page: www.countyparks.com/golf

Park Watch 257-4575

Pool/Beach Hotline 645-4806

Permits/Reservations 257-8005

District 2 Parks

Algonquin Park

7850 North 51st St. 352-7502

Brown Deer Park

7835 North Green Bay Rd. 352-7502

McGovern Park

5400 North 51st Blvd. 461-0839

Schoenecker Park

6237 North Hopkins St. 461-0839

Wahl Park

4750 North 48th St. 461-0839

Sheriff’s Department

General information 278-4700

TDD Emergency 278-5252

Transit Department

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711

Customer comments 937-3218

TTY information line 343-1704

Transit Plus 343-1700

Victim/Witness Service

General Info-Felony 278-4667

General Info-Misdemeanor 278-4670

Zoo - Milwaukee County

General information 771-3040

FREE DAYS - Valid with a Milwaukee County ID



FREE
Every Monday



FREE
Mondays
9:00 to
11:30 a.m.



FREE DAYS
November 15
December 6
Reduced rate Wednesdays



FREE
Monday &
Saturday
9:00 a.m.
to Noon

ATTENTION MILWAUKEE COUNTY VETERANS

You may be eligible for low-interest state loans for home purchases, home improvements, education, debt consolidation or other reasons. The Milwaukee County Department of Veterans Services assists eligible veterans and their dependents in applying for a wide variety of assistance. Covering a broad spectrum of services from personal and other loans, to education grants, to cemetery flag holders, staff members of the Veteran Service office help the veteran navigate the system of forms and directions from application to qualification.

For more information on these and other programs, or to receive your free Veterans Information Directory, please call the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office at 414-278-4054.



2nd District MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR



901 North 9th Street - Room 201
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Current Resident or

CONTACT 2nd DISTRICT SUPERVISOR TONI CLARK

If you have a comment or a concern you wish to share with me, please detach this section and mail to:
Milwaukee County Supervisor Toni Clark - 901 North 9th Street, Room 201 - Milwaukee, WI 53233

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Address_____City/State/Zip_____

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